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City Council Passes Balanced Budget

Budget Chairman Touts Funding of Homeless Services and Other Restorations

SAN DIEGO, CA (June 11, 2012) – The San Diego City Council today approved the budget for Fiscal Year 2013 by a vote of 7-1. Councilmember Todd Gloria, who serves as the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, lauded his colleagues, Mayor Jerry Sanders, and Independent Budget Analyst Andrea Tevlin for their collaboration on the balanced \$1.15 billion General Fund budget that restores critical services and remains fiscally responsible.

“The balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2013 demonstrates the tremendous progress made over the past several years through reforms done in partnership with our employees,” said Councilmember Gloria. **“For the first time in many years, this budget includes the restoration of core services, which reflects the priorities of San Diegans.”**

Through Councilmember Gloria’s leadership of the Budget and Finance Committee, the City Council was active throughout the development of the budget. Among the items Councilmember Gloria successfully championed for inclusion:

- Increasing the size of the Police Academy;
- Adding a second Fire Academy;
- Funding operations at the Neil Good Day Center
- Retaining the Graffiti Removal Team
- Aggressively addressing infrastructure deficits
- Adding three more hours to branch library schedules, bringing all branches from 41-44 weekly hours, and restoring five Saturday hours at the Central Library
- Increasing funds for Community Plan Updates
- Increase cash funding of deferred capital projects by \$8.3 million for a total of \$129.1 million for FY 13 operations and maintenance
- Add funds to the appropriated reserves for urban forestry efforts

“Notably, even with the continuation and restoration of these services, the City of San Diego is living well within our means,” said Councilmember Gloria.

The budget includes increased estimates for both transient occupancy tax and sales tax base, based on collections to date this current year. Further, the budget reduces property tax revenue projections to ensure fiscal responsibility. City reserve funds remain at higher than required levels, a key indicator that has led to improved credit ratings for San Diego.

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